

Museum Muses

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The President's Message

First a big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have made this year such a success. From our St. Patrick's Day brunch, to the Heritage Music Series, to the Log Cabin cookout and all the other events, the volunteers are the reason for our wonderful turnouts. The museum building has also benefited from their dedication as a deep cleaning was completed this year and a new schedule made for regular, rotational cleaning of each room. We have never looked better and, it's a good thing, as our attendance is up considerably over last year. Our gift shop will be extra special this year and will add to our attendance records. The museum is alive again with activity!

Over the next few months we will be hosting several groups and families as we continue to use our meeting room to its capacity. As a low cost meeting space it can't be beat and soon we will have new tables to make set-up and take-down easier. Please spread the word that our room is available for a small fee and can be booked through our director, Cattie Schaffer.

The acquisition of a new property is moving forward after a long delay, so look for updates in the newspapers as we complete the deal. Growth is essential to meeting our goals of preserving Highland County history and we are well on our way toward that goal. There is

a committee working to reduce our inventory of stored items that are not vital to our history. No heirlooms will be sold, but duplicate items, non-Highland County related items or broken items will be offered in a future auction. We need to make room for relevant items that should be preserved and this will make room so they can be stored or displayed properly. Your donated items are greatly appreciated and add to the picture of this history of the area. Feel confident that we will be able to better preserve your gifts in the newly created storage space.

I am working to complete the new picture book of Hillsboro history for Arcadia Publishing this winter. Last year Max Petzold scanned our picture collection into a digital format, so we are on our way with this project. Jean Wallis has been working with the city of Hillsboro to provide captions for many of these pictures for use in city television projects. The Historical Society is becoming more visible as a result of these efforts.

Please watch for your membership renewals in the mail. Our numbers are increasing and your membership allows us to continue to grow and provide programming of historical interest. As this is the final newsletter of the year, let me extend my warmest wishes for a happy holiday season and great start to 2013.

Bob Lambert

HERITAGE MUSIC SERIES

Thanks to all who have attended our Heritage Music Series, volunteered and/or donated to our program. We had good attendance and a lot of fun at our "Name That Tune" program. Master piano technician, Tommy Beeker, came from Fairborn, Ohio to try to stump us with many wonderful old tunes and he did "get us" on a few!

We are working hard toward our goal and appreciate your support.

We hope you will mark your calendar for the November 17 program when Kaye York-Longworth will entertain us with music and stories. Our hospitality hour begins at 7:30 PM in the dining room, then music starts at 8:00 PM.

Thank you, also, to the area merchants who donated wonderful prizes:

Auburn Church
Dakota's Roadhouse
Wendy's
Bob Evans
Willowbrook Farm
Anne Rhude
Sherwin-Williams
Magic Touch-Mary Beth
Catie Shaffer

Pasquales Pizza
Dr. Rob Sharp
Giovanni's Pizza
Brent Huffman
Tissot's
Slo & Low
Chambers' Realty
24 Exchange

An Old Fashioned Christmas

The Highland House Museum's Annual Christmas Shop will officially open on November 16, 2012 from 1 until 5 PM. Visitors will be able to purchase special gifts every weekend until December 30. Hours are:

Friday: 1 - 5 PM

Saturday and Sunday: 1--4 PM

We are excited to have local artisans selling their work in our shop and we have a wonderful selection of gifts and holiday decorations. Proceeds from the gift shop sales will be used to finance the historical society's restoration efforts.

Hope to see you!

Midge Rose

Gift shop Chairperson

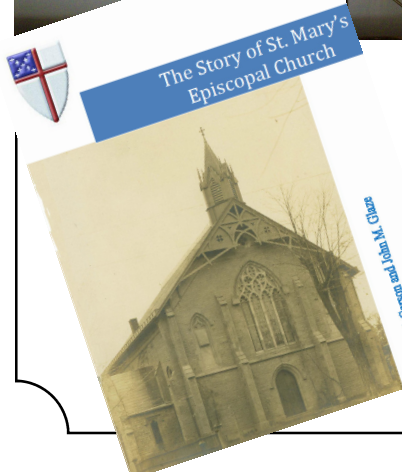


TO DO:

*Christmas Shopping
at Highland House!*



*Shopping at
Highland House
Gift Shop*



Christmas tree ornaments or decorative items to be used any time of the year, these items are extremely accurate representations of well-known buildings of Highland County. Included in the collection are: The Martin Buck House, Highland House, Bell's Opera House, the Octagonal School House (Sinking Spring), (close-up at right). Scott House, Highland County Court House, Southern State Community College (Central Campus), Covered Bridge and the Highland County Historical Society's Log Cabin.

Interested in church history? Available from Highland House Gift Shop or directly from St. Mary's Episcopal Church is The Story of St. Mary's Episcopal Church by John Carson and John Glaze. In addition, there is a DVD of the history with an hour and fifteen minutes of music played on the historic organ of St. Mary's by John Glaze as background.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

John Glaze

Each of us has memories of Christmas that are special to us. One of my special memories is of Christmas Eve at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. I grew up just down East North Street from the church. Although St. Mary's wasn't our home church, at some point during Junior or Senior High, a few of my friends and I began the practice of meeting at my house on Christmas Eve and then walking up to St. Mary's to attend the Midnight Service. As we walked along the side of the church, flickering candle flames could be seen thru the stained glass windows, encouraging us to hurry inside. The music was always wonderful and the church was beautifully decorated with pine roping hung between each of the stained glass windows and many poinsettias in the altar area. At the end of the service as we exited into the crisp night air, we felt as on no other night of the year—excitement knowing we had worshipped our way into the beginning of the day celebrating Jesus' birth!

"A Lowly Tea-Time"

Catie Schafer, Executive Director

With the holiday gift shop and our traditional tea party right around the bend, you should not be surprised to hear me say how truly busy and also excited we are for this holiday season. This year's tea party will include some instruction on proper tea party etiquette. Often considered a very formal tradition of yesteryears, tea party functions actually have a very rich and interesting past which of course links our American roots to that of Old England. In fact, 2012 marks the 239th anniversary of the Boston tea party. So, we may not have always had a great fondness for tea and what it represented but, as with most things, time seems to heal wounds and relationships. Besides, who doesn't enjoy a cool glass of sweet tea in summertime?

Our tea party function this year falls in between the historically normal teatimes of either high or low afternoon tea events. "Low" teatimes actually were for the more elite classes in England since they typically occurred around 1:00 in the daytime when working class folks could not participate. "Low" teas employed very proper attire, manners, and always used fine china for serving. Food served could be expected to be prepared in bite-sized portions and placed on a "low" surface such as a coffee table instead of on dining or kitchen tables.

"High" tea, on the other hand, was more typically used by the working class since they would end their labors at around 4:00pm and head home for an immediate tea time which was served in a more casual manner and often was hefty enough with meat pie or full-size sandwiches that it could pass for supper. So, are we offering more of a "low" or "high" tea party at the Highland House Museum? The time being 2:00pm lends itself more to a "low" tea and our traditional use of china teacups, finger sandwiches, and small pastries also speaks to "low" tea tradition. Hopefully with some instruction and encouragement, we can also represent the proper use of manners and pleasant conversation. The afternoon entertainment might have been historically frowned upon since I don't think being "proper and polite" would include clowning around and child laughter. But, in general, my hope for this year's tea party and gift shop is that our community and HCHS members enjoy themselves and are motivated to tell their friends and family to visit us and view our beautifully decorated museum. Please mark your calendars for this year's tea party as I think it is going to be a truly memorable one.

The gift shop committee has purposely purchased many child-friendly and child-priced items which can be bought following the tea party or during a visit to the museum. We have a combination this year of new museum gift shop items including a special edition Highland House museum sun-catcher as well as many local artisans selling their hand-crafted pieces (some made specifically for us) at the museum. I am very excited about the uniqueness and talent embodied by gifts we
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CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY TEA PARTY RESERVATION FORM

Names & Children's Ages:

Address:

Phone:

Reservations X \$6.50 ea = \$ _____

Mail or drop thru mail slot:

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Gift Shop!



HCHS EVENTS

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY TEA PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, AT 2:00PM

ELEGANT TEA PARTY

CLOWN/MAGICIAN

FAVORS FOR EACH CHILD

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DOLL OR STUFFED

ANIMAL WITH YOU

LIMITED SEATING—RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: WEDNESDAY, NOV 28

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT VERY YOUNG CHILDREN BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.*

(SEE REGISTRATION FORM INSIDE)

Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Director's Open House Preview of 2012 Holiday Gift Shop! Friday November 16th. 6-8m at Highland House Museum. Appetizers, drinks, and desserts will be served. View our museum decorated for the holidays and start your shopping with our unique "Pioneer" Christmas gift items. No RSVP required....just stop in and enjoy!



A DAY AT THE MUSEUM (continued from page 3) are offering this year and also believe our pricing is excellent and includes options for every age group. Start your holiday shopping with us first and let us help you get in the holiday spirit with our 2012 themed "Pioneer" Christmas.

Catie Schafer